

## Senate Bill No. 761

### CHAPTER 716

An act to amend Section 21159.9 of the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 761, Sher. Environmental quality.

(1) Existing law, the California Environmental Quality Act, requires the Office of Planning and Research to implement a public assistance and information program relative to implementation of the act.

This bill would require that program to establish and maintain a central repository for the collection, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of specified notices provided to the office, and to make the notices available through the Internet, as specified.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 21159.9 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

21159.9. The Office of Planning and Research shall implement, utilizing existing resources, a public assistance and information program, to ensure efficient and effective implementation of this division, to do all of the following:

(a) Establish a public education and training program for planners, developers, and other interested parties to assist them in implementing this division.

(b) Establish and maintain a data base to assist in the preparation of environmental documents.

(c) Establish and maintain a central repository for the collection, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of notices of exemption, notices of preparation, notices of determination, and notices of completion provided to the office, and make the notices available through the Internet. The office may coordinate with another state agency for that agency to make the notices available through the Internet.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning

of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that the Office of Planning and Research fulfills its responsibilities pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act in a manner that broadly involves the public at the earliest possible time, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

